

PUBLIC NOTICE
ISSUANCE OF A VIRGINIA WATER PROTECTION INDIVIDUAL PERMIT AND STATE
CERTIFICATION UNDER THE STATE WATER CONTROL LAW

Citizens may comment on a proposed permit that will allow the filling of streams in the County of Amherst and Bedford, Virginia in association with the Route 501 bridge replacement over the James River and CSX railway.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 17, 2013 to 5:00 p.m. on December 17, 2013

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit

Persons that proposed to dredge, fill, excavate, withdraw water, or otherwise alter streams, rivers, lakes, ponds or wetlands must apply for this permit. Swamps and marshes are examples of wetlands. The applicant must submit the application for this permit for review by the Department of Environmental Quality, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To invite the public to comment on the draft permit.

NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER OF APPLICANT: Virginia Department of Transportation
Attn: Kenneth T. Bolling 4219 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501

Permit Number: 13-4014

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Virginia Department of Transportation has applied for a permit to remove the existing U.S. Route 501 Bridge over the James River and construct a new bridge approximately 0.7 mile south of the existing bridge between Amherst County and Bedford County, Virginia. The proposed permit will allow the applicant to fill or otherwise alter wetlands and streams. The proposed activity would permanently affect 0.06 acre of surface waters, comprised of streambed. The activity proposed in the permit will affect the James River and its intermittent tributary, located in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit.

HOW A DECISION IS MADE: After public comments have been considered and addressed by the permit or other means, DEQ will make the final decision unless there is a public hearing. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. If there is a public hearing, the State Water Control Board will make the final decision.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing.

WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST INCLUDE:

1. The names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the person commenting and of all people represented by the citizen.
2. If a public hearing is requested, the reason for holding a hearing, including associated concerns.
3. A brief, informal statement regarding the extent of the interest of the person commenting, including how the operation of the facility or activity affects the citizen.

TO REVIEW THE DRAFT PERMIT AND APPLICATION: The public may review the documents at the DEQ Central Office every work day by appointment.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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